13	U. L. Bhat (CJ)	Gauhati
14	S. N. Sundaram (CJ)	Gujarat
15	Smt. Leila Seth (CJ)	Himachal Pradesh
16	Vijay Kumar Mehrotra	Himachal Pradesh
17	S. S. Kang (CJ)	Jammu & Kashmir
18	M. Jagannadha Rao (CJ)	Kerala
19	G. H. Guttal	Kerala
20	S. K. Jha (CJ)	Madhya Pradesh
21	T. N. Singh	Madhya Pradesh
22	K. M. Pandey	Madhya Pradesh
23	Smt. Kanta Kumari Bhatnagar (CJ)	Madras
24	P. S. Mishra	Madras
25	B. L. Hansaria (CJ)	Orissa
26	B. C. Basak (CJ)	Patna
27	S. H. S. Abidi	Patna
28	M. S. Rao	Patna
29	M. Rama Jois (CJ)	Punjab and Haryana
30	K. C. Agarwal (CJ)	Rajasthan
31	M. C. Kochhar	Rajasthan
32	B. N. Mishra (CJ)	Sikkim
33	R. Dayal	Sikkim

(CJ— Chief Justice)

Appointment of Chief Justices of High Courts

408. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is Government's that Chief Justice of the State High Court shall be a judge of some High Court other than that State High Court ; and

(b) whether this policy has been implemented, if so, the details thereof and if not, the names of the States in which it has not been implemented and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The Government have adopted the policy of having Chief Justice of High Court from outside. After the adoption of the policy on 28-1-83, appointment/transfer of Chief Justices from outside have been made in all the 18 High Courts. Due to retirement/ elevation, as on 1-7-92, Chief Justices from outside are functioning in 15 High Courts. The process of consultation for appointment of Chief Justices in the remaining 3 High Courts is on.